

Youth compete in the first annual 4-H Working Ranch Horse Competition

The 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program is an exciting addition to the already popular 4-H Program. It provides an opportunity for youth to be involved in western horsemanship activities beyond the traditional show ring. Participants learn the age-old techniques of handling livestock while on horseback, as well as the leadership and responsibility that comes with being engaged in 4-H. This new 4-H project provides practical and fun challenges for youth to do as they learn more about the safe and effective use of western horses for the purpose of handling, sorting, and moving cattle. It also addresses the techniques and skills of safe, humane, useful roping of livestock while mounted on the western horse. A big thanks goes out to the volunteers who planned and successfully implemented the pilot project and competition (John & Ali Ray, Napi Billedeaux, Rick Weekes, Marla & Clint Billedeaux, Rian Conway). For more information on how to enroll in 4-H please contact the Blackfeet Extension Office at 338-2650.



4-H Working Ranch Horse Competition in East Glacier at Ray's Arena
(L to R) Marshal Ray, Colton Weekes, Cole Billedeaux, Verna Jo Billedeaux, Curt Billedeaux, Kariann Fitzpatrick, Kaden Conway.



Kariann Fitzpatrick swings her rope at the dummy in the 4-H Working Ranch Horse Heading Level I



Verna Jo Billedeaux roping in 4-H
Working Ranch Horse Heeling Level II



Marshal Ray heeling a moving rope
dummy in 4-H Working Ranch Horse
Level III



Curt Billedeaux sorting calves in 4-H
Working Ranch Horse Sorting Level II



Colton Weekes completing warm up pattern in 4-H Working Ranch Horse Pattern & Cow Work Level III



Cole Billedeaux moving a steer in 4-H Working Ranch Horse Pattern & Cow Work Level III



Kaden Conway shows his blue ribbons at the 4-H Working Ranch Horse Awards picnic.